

GRANTS for Accessibility Modifications

“Assisting individuals and families to remain in their homes and live independently in a safe and sound environment”

City of Columbus Home Safe & Sound Initiative

HOME ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION PROGRAM

There is no re-payment, application fee or initial deposit required for services provided through this program. There are no door-to-door solicitations or unannounced home visits.

City representatives are available to meet with homeowners *by appointment only*.

Home Accessibility Modification Program Eligibility

Eligible geographic locations, properties and households are designated by the City of Columbus Department of Development under the guidance of funding sources, rules and regulations. All initiatives will be subject to the availability of funding.

Additional eligibility criteria and program guidelines are listed on the reverse side.

INCOME LIMITS FOR HOME ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATION PROGRAM

FAMILY SIZE	1 PERSON	2 PERSONS	3 PERSONS	4 PERSONS
80% of median income	\$41,650	\$47,600	\$53,550	\$59,500
FAMILY SIZE	5 PERSONS	6 PERSONS	7 PERSONS	8 PERSONS
80% of median income	\$64,300	\$69,050	\$73,800	\$78,550

Income limits effective April 14, 2017

DO I QUALIFY?

1. You must have owned and occupied the home for a minimum of one year prior to applying for funds.
2. You must be a household earning 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) as determined by HUD with adjustments for household size (see chart). Income of all adult occupants is counted.
3. The applicant or disabled household member must provide documentation from a licensed physician or chiropractor identifying a physical disability limiting and/or impairing mobility.
4. Your mortgage/rent payments and property taxes (if applicable) must be current at the time of application.
5. There can be no unresolved, active foreclosures, liens nor judgments.

WHO DO I CALL?

The Home Accessibility Modification Intake Line is 614-645-8526. Email questions to: Home_Safe_and_Sound@Columbus.gov.

DOES MY HOME QUALIFY?

1. You must own and live in a single family (one-unit) home located within the City of Columbus corporate limits.
2. Tenant-occupied units must have written property owner approval prior to project approval.
3. Mobile homes and/or properties being purchased under land contract agreements do not qualify.

WHAT MONEY IS AVAILABLE?

Applicants may be eligible for Grants of up to \$20,000 for accessibility modifications depending on household income and other underwriting criteria. Financing is dependent on availability of funds.

WHAT KIND OF WORK CAN BE DONE ON MY HOME?

1. The Home Accessibility Modification Program provides for prioritized essential accessibility modifications. City staff will work with you to determine the priority and amount of work that is allowable under the program guidelines.
2. Funds can be used for work necessary to eliminate physical barriers or increase independent living opportunities. Types of repairs include custom designed ramps & handrails, widening doorways, modifying baths & walkways, installing grab bars, toilet assist railings, and porch or stair lifts.
3. Funds may also be used for health, and safety work including but not limited to: installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, in accordance with City housing standards.

WHO DOES THE WORK?

You will contract with a private, City-licensed contractor selected through a bidding process with contractors on the City's Home Accessibility Modification Program Participating Contractor List.

HOW LONG BEFORE THE WORK IS COMPLETED?

The average home repair project from the time of application until completion of repairs is nine to twelve months.

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME, THE APPLICANT?

1. An applicant must submit a completed application and all requested documents to the City in a timely manner.
2. An applicant must work cooperatively with City staff and private contractors to ensure a successful home modification project.

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